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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Hongkong, 29th October, 1888.

DEATH.

At Shanghai, on the 3rd instant, at 10 p.m., FRANCISCO DE PAULA SENNA, Jr., aged 21 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1888.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

FRANCE.

LONDON, December 9th.

A Cabinet Council is discussing a scheme to provide funds for the completion of the Isthmus of Panama Canal.

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—Brookwood, Surrey, replaces Wimbledon.

(From Straits Times.)

THE IRISH LAND PURCHASE BILL.—LONDON, December 2nd.

Mr. Balfour's Irish Land Purchase Bill has been read a third time in the House of Commons.

THE PENANG LIBEL CASE.—Mr. Koh Seang Tat has retired from the Municipal Commission, and has resigned his Commission as a Justice of the Peace.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

AN application was made by the Attorney General this morning before Mr. A. J. Leach, Acting Chief Justice, for an order admitting Mr. Arthur B. Roddy to practice as a Solicitor in this Colony. The order was made. Mr. Roddy is a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and is a son of the late senior partner of the firm of Messrs. Roddy and Davidson, Solicitors, of Singapore. We hope he may attain here that professional reputation which his father earned for himself in Singapore, and we wish him all success.

PETER Marsh, third officer of the steamship *Veneta*, got into trouble last night. He was out with his colleagues about midnight, in Wellington Street, when Peter playfully tapped a door with his stick. An Indian watchman with the ghastly name of Chandro Doss remonstrated, by grr, and Peter wasn't a man to stand it, so he smote the heathen on his scented-bottle, and broke it. Then he ran away, which was injudicious, for a Sikh was waiting for him when he got to the corner, and Mr. Pollock was also in attendance this morning. Three dollars.

The following are the Orders of the Day for the meeting of the Legislative Council, to be held to-morrow the 12th inst., at 4 p.m.:

1. Financial Minutes.
2. First reading of a Bill to amend the Reformatory Schools Ordinance, 1885.
3. Second reading of the Bill entitled "The Merchant Shipping Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1888."
4. Second reading of the Bill to amend the powers of the Police Magistrates.
5. Committee on the Bill to amend Ordinance 6 of 1887.

The following Civil List appointments are recorded by the *L. & C. Express* of the 9th ult.:—The Earl of Onslow, K.C.M.G., to be Governor of New Zealand, on the retirement of Lieut.-General Sir W. Jervois, R.E., K.C.M.G., C.B.; Sir Henry Arthur Blake, K.C.M.G., Governor of Newfoundland, to be Governor of Queensland; Sir Terence O'Brien, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongland, to be Governor of Newfoundland; Arthur Cecil Sturt Bayley, Esq., Chief Commissioner of the Seychelles Islands, to be Governor of Hongland; William Frederick Haynes Smith, Esq., C.M.G., Attorney-General of British Guiana, to be Governor of the Leeward Islands.

SAYS THE *N. C. Daily News*.—The Tsung-li Yamen's resources of delay are absolutely unequalled, and go beyond any powers that Sir John Walsham may possess to baffle. When Mr. A. J. Little left Peking some two months ago, he was assured by the British Minister there the permit for the *Kuling* to ascend the river to Chungking was all ready, and that if he went up to Ichang, he would probably find it waiting for him there, as there was only one small point unsettled, which would not involve any material delay. Mr. Little has gone up the river, and the *Kuling* is ready to start. But at Hankow he is informed by the British Consul there that a despatch has come from the Tsoai, to the effect that the Viceroy of the Hukang has received instructions from the Tsungli Yamen to draw up rules for the regulation of the steamer's progress. These rules, when drawn up—and the Tsungli Yamen must have laughed in its sleeve at the idea of Mr. Gregory's over-riding the momentous decision involved in the task—are to be approved by the Hukang Viceroy and his colleague of Szechuen. They will then be published for general information, and then a pass will be issued to the *Kuling*. This obviously means a delay of several months, or practically a year, as the favourable season is thus irretrievably lost this year.

WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. Addison, Bell & Co.) that the steamship *Albatross* left Kobe yesterday for this port.

WE would remind our readers of the performance of "Fun on the Bristol" by the American Opera and Comedy Company to-night.

A DESPATCH from Zanzibar reached London a month ago stating that couriers have arrived from Tabor bringing direct news of Mr. H. M. Stanley's expedition, a portion of which was encountered at the end of November last year by detachments of Arabs carrying on mules and barter in the interior of Africa in the region between Lakes Albert Nyanza, and Muta-Nigge and Tabora, but this has been contradicted. Mr. W. Mackinnon, chairman of the Emin Relief Committee, writes that Mr. Stanley rejected the east coast route to Wadelai in favour of the Congo, of his own free-will, and no personal pressure of any kind was used. Hopes are still entertained that Stanley is alive.

It is great astonishment, says the Berlin correspondent of the *L. & C. Express*, was caused in that city about a week ago by the words of admonition and reproach which the Emperor administered to the Burgomaster of the capital and some of his colleagues, a still greater sensation has been created by the further development of the incident. In spite of its unequivocal clearness, the Emperor's reply has given rise to equally nonsensical and malicious perversions of its meaning in a portion of the so-called Liberalist and in the organs of the ultra-Conservative and Ultramontane parties. Seeing that it looks as if these parties had made a concerted attempt to pervert the meaning of the Imperial words, his Majesty the Emperor-King has commanded an express declaration to be made in the *Reichsanzeiger* to the effect that the tone and contents of the Liberalist prints of Berlin had wounded his feelings. Considering the relations in which the municipal authorities of Berlin stand to this very section of the Berlin Press, his Majesty assumed that they were in a position to help in putting a stop to the state of things complained of.

At the Police Court this afternoon, an ex-boy on a Canton steamer, and a sampan woman, were charged on remand before Mr. Pollock with being illegally in possession of 1,400 taels of prepared opium, worth \$800.—Mr. Johnson prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, and Mr. Caldwell defended. Inspector Quincey said:—On the 6th inst. at 2 p.m. I went with two Chinese sergeants and a constable to the Praya at West Point, where we boarded a small sampan near the shore; I saw in it four packages containing 27 tins of raw opium. The female defendant gave me six certificates and said the opium belonged to a man living in Queen's Road Central. On the way to the Station she saw him, and I arrested him. He said that the opium was his, as he had bought it from the Opium Farmer. He repeated this after being cautioned. By Mr. Caldwell:—I told him also that it was raw opium he could have it back.—The interpreter said that the first certificate stated that 500 taels of boiled opium had been sold on the 6th inst. to Tin Kee, of Sui Huk Street. There was no such street in Hongkong. The next referred to 150 taels, sold to the same man, and the third to 40 taels. The export permits appeared to have been given at the same time, and referred to the amounts mentioned in the certificates. Sergeant Bullin stated that the defendants were cautioned when charged.—Aching, the interpreter on duty at the time, said the male defendant replied that they bought it from the Opium Farmer. He also said he did not know whether it was raw or prepared opium. The case was adjourned.

For a couple of hours agreeable after dinner, commend us to Chiarini's Circus and Zoological Aggregation. Habitual play-boys and those who are accustomed to spend a sedentary evening after the sedentary occupations of the day in a climate where inaction is little short of suicide, will find in the evening drive to and from the Circus, and in the amusements required exercise and exhilaration. A lounge about the menagerie is in itself a pleasant change. Admirers of Zoological beauty will find ample amusement in feasting their eyes on the lions, tigers, elephants and bears who represent a strong portion of Signor Chiarini's staff, and who help the show precisely as the "supra" add lustre to a performance on the stage. As the Circus' company has been lately re-inforced by fresh artists, we think there is also ample room for an extension of the menagerie. A more variegated Zoological collection would greatly enhance Signor Chiarini's show and render it more attractive to the public and more profitable to the owner. Let not this be taken in jest, for it can hardly be denied that they are, one and all, highly proficient in their respective roles of equestrians, acrobats and clowns. The equine collection must also come in for their meed of praise. We have not seen better trained horses in any Circus Company in this part of the world than those under the direct management of Signor Chiarini. The pony Midget is a jewel of an animal; the horses which were ridden bare-backed by Mlle. Le Blonde Harmon and Mr. George Harmon were exquisitely trained; while a nobler quadruped than Monte Cristo will hardly be found on the arena of the Circus. Last night's programme commenced with the Sports of Apollo, a very lively exhibition of the equestrian art in its serio-comic aspect; this was followed by the Magnetic Barrels, an acrobatic feat in which the Japanese Kawamura and Chojiro highly distinguished themselves. After the pony Midget had displayed its splendid training before an applauding audience, Miss Jennie exhibited her refined art of equestrianism, the completion of which she was deservedly called to the arena for further marks of public approval. Middle Le Blonde Harmon and Mr. George Harmon then regaled the spectators with their high-class powers of Circus riding, and were followed by the sedate, society-like exhibition of high school riding by Miss Victoria Blanche. The whole company joined in some very lively gymnastic exercises at the commencement of the second part, after which the ponderous elephants were put through their amusing drill. Middle Le Blonde Harmon and Mr. G. G. G. came out strong in their difficult feats of equestrianism upon two bare-backed horses, and elicited repeated applause. The ladder feat was then repeated to perfection by the Japanese Kawamura and Jameliche, the young acrobat showing his usual pluck and courage whilst balancing himself on the remaining bamboo of the broken ladder, forty feet above the ground. Mr. George Harmon varied the entertainment by a splendid act of horsemanship upon a bare-backed horse, and this brought us to one of the most spectacular portions of the programme—the balancing on a pyramid of chairs by Mr. H. Benham, an Italian. The four-hundred upon two Mongolian ponies concluded the show, to the undivided amusement of the audience, which though not numerous, was well represented. The lions and tigers have not yet had their *debut* this season, but will soon be trotted out under the lash of their able trainer, Mr. Frame. The clowns acquitted themselves of their respective tasks tolerably well, and they give promise of affording ampler entertainment to the public. We would remind our readers that the show opens to-night at the usual hour of nine.

Two householders in Jubilee Street were fined \$50 this morning for neglecting to register the fact that they lived there.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Sydney*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 17th ult., has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow.

At a meeting of the Committee appointed for the formation of the Chinese Zoological Gardens held in Shanghai on the 3rd inst. it was decided to proceed with the formation of the Company with a capital of Taels 150,000 in shares of Taels 100 each.

THE Shanghai *Mercury* reports a fracas which occurred on the night of the 6th inst. in the Globe Hotel, Hongkong, between several coloured seamen belonging to the American Squadron; during the fray one or two policemen got a rather severe handling. A few captives were made, and the prisoners will be brought up at the American Consulate on the morning of the 4th.

THE Band will play at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 7.45 o'clock. The following will be the programme:

March—"Farewell" Tynan.
Overture—"Kamunda" Tynan.
Value—"Les Patineurs" Waldteufel.
Selection—"Les Patineurs" Waldteufel.
Favourite—"Golden Legend" Sullivan.
JOHN MORAN, Bandmaster.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, November 7th.
At a banquet given to him at Warsaw, General Gourko, the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian army in Poland, delivered a speech upon the present situation of affairs in Europe. He referred in a very virulent spirit to the attitude of Germany and Austria, and warned them not to discount the possibility of defeat by Russia. If taunted too far, the Czar, he declared, would direct the Russian troops to cross the frontier in 24 hours. No troops could compare with the Russians except the Turks, and when the right time came their deeds would prove them worthy of their country. The troops on the frontier already knew the roads to Vienna and Berlin.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain has sailed for New York, in order to marry Miss Endicott, an American heiress, daughter of the Minister for War in the United States Government.

Admiral Krantz, the French Minister for Marine, declares that if Germany expends \$250,000,000 marks in increasing her naval armament, France will do likewise.

It is stated that the Admiralty is arming three fast trading steamers and six steam barges, carrying rapid-firing guns, for the defence of Melbourne. The Admiralty offer that if the residents of a British port provide a vessel and defray the cost which would be incurred thereby, except as to guns and material, the vessel will be retained for the sole defence of the port.

The death is announced of Admiral Byron Drury. The deceased officer was made a captain in August, 1857, was promoted to the rank of Admiral in April, 1875, and a full Admiral in August, 1879. He retired from active service on 7th April, 1885.

November 12th.
In the House of Commons to-day, Baron De Worms said in reply to Mr. Childers, Government had asked Sir Thomas Mellisworth to specify the grounds of his objection to the appointment of Blake as Governor of Queensland.

To-morrow the Liberals will move the adjournment of debate on the Commons with the view of eliciting a distinct answer from the Government as to whether or not they will confirm the appointment of Blake as Governor of Queensland.

Later.
The Standard on semi-official authority states that the Government has virtually cancelled the appointment of Blake as Governor of Queensland.

In the House of Lords yesterday the Oaths Bill was read for the second time, the Bishop of Carlisle supporting it in a splendid speech and Salisbury bitterly opposing it.

Pat Sheehan, M.P., has been sentenced to a month's imprisonment for abusing the Police. The Captain and 12 of the crew belonging to the *Ruger* were drowned when that vessel collided with the steamer *Nantux* in the Channel.

It has been decided by Chief Justice Kay, that the promoters of bogus companies are responsible to the shareholders who take up shares on the faith of respectable names on the prospectuses.

The British R.C. Bishops have memorialised the Pope, sympathising with his heavenly aspiration, denouncing the attitude of Italy, and assuring His Holiness that they will unite in an effort to restore the temporal power of the Pope in Italy.

Sir James Hannan, Commissioner for the Times in the Parnell case, has received threatening letters from Leaguers, and Sir Charles Russell declares that he also has been threatened in several letters, with personal injury by Leaguers and Fenians. Two witnesses who were once Moonlighters declare on oath that they were forced into a conspiracy for the purpose of outraging the landlords by destroying stock belonging to the Non-League farmers and that they would have committed murder if ordered by the Committee. Parnell declares that those witnesses are Fenians sworn to a secret society, which compelled them to swear such lies as being asked to swear fealty to the Irish Republic, and that his case should not be influenced by the evidence of men with whom he had never any direct sympathy.

The amount tendered for the Ashfield Municipal loan of £200,000, £30,000, and £16,000 being the maximum of loan, the debentures will be distributed *pro rata*.

Mr. Goblett told the Chamber of Deputies yesterday that the European Situation required enough to protect itself without allies, and the Government would never provide war for revenge. France would prove to the world that it was economising its patience as well as its power.

November 14th.
The White Pasha (who still may be Stanley) is reported to have fought a great battle and signally defeated the Arab slave traffickers. The White Pasha is reported to be marching towards Suakim with a victorious army of natives.

The Irish Nonconformists have given a banquet to Lord Salisbury and Hartington, at which Lord Salisbury ridiculed the idea of Imperial federation.

The Austrian Emperor refuses to meet the Czar until he withdraws the Russian troops from the Russian frontier.

The *Maegle M.* from London to Sydney, has been lost off Cape Negro.

November 16th.
Lord Knutsford's despatch to Sir Arthur Blyth reiterates the statement made to Queensland and adds that the Governor of a colony occupies a position which precludes the local ministry from having a voice in his selection, otherwise he would inevitably be suspected of partiality towards the ministry favoring the selection, and it would therefore be impossible to get a high-minded man to accept a position that was subject to the approval of the colony.

November 20th.
3000 Egyptian troops have been ordered to proceed from Cairo to the relief of Suakin. Baron de Worms denied in the House of Commons that the Queensland Governor question had been suspended during the absence of Lord Knutsford.

22nd November.
The condition of Mr. Bright and Mr. Balfour is improving.

Yesterday a woman was attacked by a man in a lodging-house in Whitechapel, with the object of murdering her, but owing to the resistance she made, he only succeeded in slightly cutting her throat. The would-be murderer then escaped, his appearance is known, but it is impossible to say whether he is connected with the former Whitechapel murders.

Sir James Hannan has fixed Edward Harrington, Proprietor of the *Kerry Sentinel*, £500 for Contempt of Court, in publishing an article declaring that Parnell is a creature of the Government and the *Times* Newspaper. Mr. Harrington declined the advice of his counsel to apologise.

November 23rd.
A Bill for the extension of the Land Purchase Act was read a second time in the House of Commons last night by a majority of seventy-five. Mr. Parnell spoke in opposition to the Bill, owing, he said, to the absence of any provision for the relief of backward tenants, and an inadequate reduction in judicial rents. The German navy has been voted 600,000 crowns for increasing its size and efficiency.

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A FOREIGNER IN SHANGHAI.

Between four and five on the morning of the 3rd inst. a desperate and deliberate attempt was made to murder Mr. Peter Sys at his residence in Miller Road, by a China boy formerly in his employment. The first intimation of the outrage which the police at Hongkong Station had, was given by the object of the attack who, presented a terrible appearance as he reached the Station door. He was but partly dressed and his face, throat, hands and arms were cut and slashed to a terrible degree, while he was literally bathed in blood. He was hardly able to relate his story, from excitement and weakness owing to loss of blood. Mr. Sys, it appears, returned to his residence which is in a terrace off the road named at about 0.15 a.m. on Monday, and went to bed almost immediately. He had been asleep some three hours, when he was awakened by feeling several stabs with a sharp instrument in his face and throat, and he instantly found that the bed was swimming in blood, the warm clammy feeling of which disclosed its nature, but he could not see his assailant, the apartment being in almost total darkness. The assassin was thus somewhat at a disadvantage, not being able to see to use his weapon, or "French Peter's," that being Mr. Sys' familiar cognomen, chance of saving himself would have been very small. He was too weak from loss of blood to defend himself as he would otherwise have done—Sys is a man of very powerful physique, and is an old soldier to whom but once, by his clothing, knew to be a Chinaman. In the brief struggle, the villain continued to inflict several fresh wounds about his victim's face and neck, but his weapon, as was afterwards found, was an awkward one to use. Mr. Sys managed to catch hold of the knife, but in doing so received a deep gash across his hand and another on his thigh, the knife cutting through his heavy woollen underdrawers. The would-be murderer finally effected his escape from the room by a door, which was generally locked, but which had been prepared by the Chinese for his escape. As the man ran round the room and over the verandah rails he threw a quantity of fine lime into Peter's face, with the obvious intention of blinding him, but fortunately none of the stuff found its way into Sys' then found that one of his hands had been slightly burned with some liquid, evidently an acid, but he does not know at what stage of the struggle it was used. He attempted to follow the escaping assassin, but had to give up after a second or two, and turned his steps towards the Police Station, when some of the officers on duty went back with him to the house, and they found the room looked like a shambles, blood was spattered all over the furniture, while the floor was saturated with the same fluid. It was found that the door had been taken off its hinges, and that it would easily have been forced open from the inside. The tracks of the Chinese were plainly visible to the street, and it was correctly surmised that he had turned towards the English Settlement. It was also supposed that he had entered the house through the hall door by a duplicate key, and this has since been found correct. At the time, Sys was not sure who his assailant was, but described to the police the appearance of a boy whom he had lately dismissed for stealing, and whom he had once suspected. It was believed at first that the robbery was the motive of the outrage, but this theory was quickly dispelled by the sight of \$90 untouched on the table, and also by the fact that the attempt to murder was commenced first, where his injuries were attended to by Dr. Duncan Reid who pronounced them serious, but not likely to be fatal. The wound across his chin, extending from one side of his face to the other, was found to be the worst, and it had to be stitched. The patient is still very weak and low, having lost a great quantity of blood. He told Detective Jones that the police could recognize his assailant by tooth marks on his fingers, Sys having got the man's hand into his mouth and clinched his teeth on the fingers.

The first place which the police went to proved to be the right quarry, the residence of the missed house-boy, who had on the previous night followed his late master home and asked for a sum of \$3 which he claimed was owing to him, and which Sys refused to pay then, telling him to come at the end of the month. In this house, which is situated on the Nanking Road, the police discovered a blood-stained knife and a pile of clothing covered with blood, which had apparently just been taken off. The people in the house just led to go to some low resort near Smith's Market, whither the officer at once went. On arriving at the place indicated, he learnt that the boy, whose name is Ah Nee, had only a short time gone, they believed, to Pootung. It was about 8 a.m., and when the detectives arrived at the river they saw a sampan coming from the Pootung side which turned out to be the very one which had taken the boy over and was then returning. The police went across in the sampan, and on going to a foreigner's house found the man concealed there in the servants' quarters. On being searched a quantity of lime was found clinging to one of his inside pockets. He admitted that he had been to Peter's house the previous night to ask for his money, and said that his master "licked" him with a stick. The prisoner was fully identified by the marks on his hand and by blood stains on his clothing, and he was taken to the Police Station, where he remains pending an investigation at the Mixed Court.

The knife with which the attack was made was an old, very much worn table knife, sharp on both edges, and without handle, which was found on the floor, and the clumpy work of the foundry.

Mr. Sys states that when he put the boy out on Sunday night, he did not bolt the door, which was then merely fastened by the keyhole.

The Chinese who committed the assault was brought up at the Mixed Court on the 4th inst. The injured man gave evidence which agreed with the statement published above. The Chinese first denied the charge, but afterwards admitted it, so that the charge sheet was marked "proved guilty on evidence and his own confession." As the affair is a serious one, the Magistrate has to refer the matter to the Tsoai, and the "boy" has been remanded till next Tuesday.—*N. C. Daily News.*

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

The Nui-wu Fu (Comptroller of the Household), has applied to the Shang Si Yuan (Keeper of the Palace Stud) for about 200 horses, richly caparisoned, for presents to the bride and her parents.

The dock at Port Arthur will be probably completed this month. Li Hung-chang is said to be so satisfied with the way M. Thevenet has executed the work committed to his charge, that he will apply for the button of a Mandarin for him.

The sellers of "board-ducks" (dried ducks, put up like hams) at Nanking, who are principally Mahomedans, are losing nearly all their ducks by a kind of epidemic. The ducks shake their heads a little, and then die, hence the malady is called *yao-fow-tsun* (shake-head sickness).

A Newchwang Chinese man-fwar *Wei-yuen*, after spending Tls. 350 in diving a dock for herself in which to pass the winter, could not get in, as there was no water enough, and the river becoming covered with floating "ice-ruffs" had to clear out for the open sea. It was uncertain what her next movements were going to be.

H.M. the Emperor has presented his bride-elect with two beautiful foreign glass, over six feet long and five broad, set in silver (huai-tzu), with frames nine feet high, with carved flowers in relief, and pedestals to fix them in, also beautifully adorned, with foliage, animals, and birds. Each mirror and each frame took eight men to carry it, and on 23rd November they were carried out of the Tung-hwa Gate, along the great street, through the Tang-an Gate, thence to the Chao-yang Gate, near which live the parents of the future Empress.

Last month a person petitioned the Viceroy of Canton for leave to bend the river shore from Tung-sha Ki to Si-sha Ki, reclaiming a breadth of 200 feet, on which to build godowns, jetties, and a jinrishia road, and offering to pay hereafter from the profits Tls. 3,000,000 to the defence fund. The Viceroy directed the Ali-yueh T'ang, a Benevolent Society, to report on the project, which they have done favourably. The Viceroy has sent Deputies to consult with the gentry and merchants on the proposed reclaiming of the mud-banks, and we hear that this winter or next spring the work may be commenced.

At and about Chinkiang, owing to the prolonged droughts in summer, the harvest was so bad, that eight or nine *hstien* out of 10 are full of distressed people. The Governor of Kiangsu, Sung, concerned on their account, has not only obtained a suspension of land-tax collection, but has appropriated Tls. 20,000 from the Provincial budget for their relief, and has sent the Taoist of Chinkiang, Mr. Ts'ien, to establish a board at that place for the genuine distribution. In addition to this H. E. the Governor has headed a subscription list with Tls. 2,000 of his own. The Provincial Treasurer Huang has donated Tls. 4,000, the Provincial Judge, T'ien, Tls. 1,000, and others in proportion. The *Shin Pao* praises the address written by the Governor on this occasion, in which he, with touching humility, ascribes the drought to the judgment of Heaven for his bad government of the people,—as an effusion worthy of the virtuous officials of antiquity.

In the province of Canton are occasionally dug up ancient copper gongs or drums, which some say were made by the aboriginal Laos tribes; others say by Ma Yüan, the renowned commander who invaded Tongking in A.D. 41 and quelled the rising of the rebellious tribes against the Chinese, erecting a pillar of bronze on the extreme southern border of the "hill-country." The Nan-hai Miao Temple at Canton possesses two of these curious monuments, one large and one small, the characters are mostly indecipherable owing to the length of time they have been under the ground. The larger one was obtained from the tomb of a barbarian (man) chief 1,000 years ago, during the Tang dynasty, at Kuo-chow, the smaller one at Sin-chow, both being very narrow in form. They are much valued as rarities by the Canton people. A very fine-sounding one was dug up lately, and presented by the finder to the Temple of Confucius; it is very light, weighing only about 200 catties, although in breadth it is a foot and a half, and in height about 14 inches.

KOREA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Soul, November 28th, 1888.
From Chemulpo I hear that the good people there are on a regular verge of excitement. May be you know, presumably you don't; but since some members of the press, especially the Japanese quill drivers, claim the privilege of not only knowing everything about Korea, but a great deal more besides, I give you credit for also knowing that the Korean people are not so stupid as they are represented to be. The Japanese quill drivers, that hitherto, our Municipal Council officials at Chemulpo, our seaport, the seaport of Seoul, if I mean, have been carried on in a provincial and unsatisfactory way. I now hear that on the 5th December the constitution of a definitive Municipal Council will take place at Chemulpo, thanks to the valuable assistance of the foreign Ministers.

The foreign adviser of H. M. the King, Judge Denny, left us quite suddenly. Some people say he went to Japan, or may be to Shanghai, to publish a new pamphlet. He did not tell me, so I am not in a position to let you know. I have left *Thuruga Haru*, on the 20th November.

It is generally known here, and elsewhere too, I dare say, that the Judge and the Chinese Minister are not "chummy"; and it is generally supposed that one of the two will have to go "to the wall." Most people on the spot think that it is not Yuan, the Chinese Minister, who will have to "go," as our Yankee cousins are fond of putting it.

Before I forget all about it, I may just as well inform you that I received news from Chemulpo that no voting by proxy will be allowed, as is owing in Chemulpo, I believe; every landowner has to be present, or else he is not allowed to vote. I have the honour Master in Chemulpo. Captain Knutsford, is going on a few months' leave of absence during the winter to take Mrs. Murrel, who is in delicate health, to a more genial climate. By what I learn, the energetic and obliging Harbour Master will be greatly missed, during his absence, by all who have business dealings with his department. You must not be surprised to hear, starting news occasionally from the Japanese Press concerning this country. The fabrications

are generally so clumsy, that they certainly cannot be considered a credit to their inventors. When we receive our mails, we are amused, but never surprised, by what we read about Korea. Even some Shanghai publications are as absurd in their nonsense about Korea as the most ridiculous Japanese papers. I shall continue to try my utmost to keep you well posted about this so-called "tributary" or "vassal" state of China. In the meantime I cannot help wondering what twaddle the next mails may bring from China and Japan about this little kingdom, as published in some specimens of the China and Japan Press?

Chemulpo, 25th November, 1888.
So much has been written, and even telegraphed, about our little kingdom, that we are getting indifferent about what may be sung or said about us, or even "pamphleteered;" excuse the pun; I fear it is not a good one.

There is a discussion, shall I call it a disquisition? amongst people interested in this rapidly rising port, about who has done most to forward the progress of Chemulpo; the question is, is it von Möllendorff, or Mr. Merrill, or Judge Denny. The question raised is irrelevant. Von Möllendorff was sent to Korea to gain a certain object, which he did; for instance, besides being the King's foreign adviser, to also institute a Korean Customs Service. Von Möllendorff has done it. The pioneer Möllendorff had "hard lines" of it, while, comparatively speaking, his successor, Mr. Merrill, an able and amiable gentleman, found a service mounted in the saddle, able to ride. Möllendorff had a most difficult task in Korea when he arrived, and what has been accomplished since, here, is all sugar and honey.

I fear very much that occasionally your Soul correspondent cannot keep you so well informed as somebody on the spot here, like myself who is actually living here, while your Soul correspondent is living nearly thirty miles away from Chemulpo. Your Soul correspondent's complaints, for instance, about the landing jetty and bunding are entirely unfounded. I enclose a sketch of both for your inspection. The bund is not quite finished, but the jetty certainly is, and in that respect it is most unreasonable to now forward your complaints whatever.

The original jetty was projected into the inner harbour, and turned out a failure; the new jetty is situated to the southward of the same bund, and must be considered a success. The new bund line includes the two rocky reefs, which formerly were such a danger to cargo boats, and other small craft; now they are one of the best foundations of the new bund, "solid as rocks," which in fact they are. Your Fusan correspondent does not appear to be so well informed about the neighbourhood of Fusan as might be expected. What does he know about Massamun? Nothing, apparently. Fusan, with its splendid scenery, is a very near mind the bar at its entrance? The weather has been changeable from fine to bad, worse and "worse"; kindly excuse that Irish pun. Next mail day I will try and produce a better one. On the 24th Nov. we had the first snow; during the night the thermometer has now generally a few degrees below freezing point, and during the day a few degrees above. Talking about Fusan, does your correspondent know anything about the fine river Syem-kang, in the close vicinity of that place? If not, I can inform him that it is a most useful water-way, to communicate with the interior. I am just called away; but, wind and weather permitting, I will continue to-morrow.

Fusan, Dec. 1st, 1888.
As I advised you before, the so-called gold mining undertaking in your vicinity

Our boating is almost over for the season, and nearly all the small yachts are laid up for the winter. The British barque *Earn* left this morning for Amoy. Two more foreign sailing vessels are shortly expected, I believe. One from Taiwan with sugar and the other from Kelung with coal.—*Mercury*

CHIEFOO.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

28th Nov., 1888.

The *Kunghai* arrived here safely on Monday from Newchwang. The *Chingung* came in here last evening on her way north, from Shanghai, and brought with her 150 coolies, pumps, etc. for the *Kunghai*, but, finding that vessel had already reached this port, she did not proceed. The cargo of *Kunghai* will be transferred to the *Yehin*, which vessel will accompany her to Shanghai. Very little more news, only this: It is announced that one of the advocates, and for all I know, agents for Teacher's celebrated Highland Lemonade, or Kinahan's ancient L. L. Gingerbeer is about to depart peacefully from this happy hunting ground after a long sojourn here. I think that it is time he did, and many hail, with satisfaction, the advent of his departure; for some strange and new plants are beginning to grow on the margin of a certain department here. This gentleman who resides in a retired abode, in a rather aristocratic neighbourhood, in the vicinity of the sea, has for the last few months been attempting to plant a vineyard on a certain section, or rather selection, of the business which does not lay within the limits of his jurisdiction, and keeps many, until very late hours, pruning his fruit; but somehow they fail to duly appreciate the honour conferred on them by this enterprising grower—perhaps they do not care about these periodical departures from the civilized routine. If Mr. Beaver (?) is not an adept at deciphering parables, he at least may be found of notoriety. Should he be so, I will endeavour to aid him in becoming notorious; but in doing so shall, if possible, effectually oppose his all-day-and-half-the-night movement, and shall be ably seconded. As I have been interviewed by some of these quiet husbandmen, who labour in the fields, I now take the opportunity of writing a few words on their behalf, and should it be deemed necessary, I will make my quill traverse a considerable amount of paper for their benefit. And in the near future, if the editor of this paper will devote a little more space I will devote a little more time to this as yet unwritten subject, and between us we will more fully unearth these impositions, which may bear looking into, by persons who are not hopelessly blind and ignorant to the "all sorts and conditions of men." And we will ally hold our own against the agitator. The German steamer *Thyris* cleared last night at 10.15 for Hongkong and Canton. In conclusion, I beg to inform you that on Sunday evening, according to the statement of a sampanman, who will, I am afraid, soon lament the decease of a countryman, three gentlemanly engineers, or perhaps European firemen, from one of the steamers here came on shore and devoted part of their visit in becoming intoxicated and the remaining portion of the time to throwing large stones at poor coolies—for fun, you know. And they managed to hit one miserable fellow in such a manner as to render it doubtful as to whether he will recover from the effect of their spree. It is to be hoped that the next time these gentlemen are similarly occupied they will endeavour to aim at the legs in preference to the head, in order to obviate the necessity of completely destroying the target, or targets, as the case may be.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

TAKU.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

24th Nov.

Of late, I find that "A Correspondent" has endeavoured to keep you well posted in the affairs of this port. He seems to have quite a store of news, although about the authenticity of some of his information, "I have my doubts."

When you wonderfully suggestive "Tientsin correspondent" mentioned a "Lunatic Asylum" for Taku, he doubtless had his eye fixed on "A Correspondent," or, perhaps the former, knowing of the healthy state of our port, would be more than pleased to take up his abode within the walls of such an institution.

Although your contributing friend quoted Taku Tug and Lighter Company's shares at 115 and 115.15, I have never heard such prices mentioned. I cannot see what could induce shareholders to keep from selling at 145; they certainly cannot expect any dividend from the last six months' working. Scarcely in the history of the port does any one remember such a bull autumn. The rush in the spring glutted the market, consequently very little cargo is arriving now. I am sorry to inform you that Captain Webster is suffering from rheumatism. He is expected at Taku shortly, having been relieved by Captain McClure.

This morning there was a large quantity of ice in the creeks round about; the Chinese all along have been for telling an early close, but if we only wait a short time we shall know all about it.

I hear that the extension of Tongku-Tientsin Railway to Tungchow has received the Imperial sanction, and it is expected that the line will be constructed next spring.

The *ss. Chungking* brought from your port three men for the Kaiping Coal Mines. One is, I hear, to succeed Mr. Stevens, the viewer, who, with Mrs. Stevens and children, sails for the old country, the end of next week.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

CHINKIANG.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

Chinkiang, 1st December 1888.

A case of highway robbery and murder took place on the evening of the 29th ult. on a lonely road skirting the second range of the Chinkiang Hills. From what I have been able to learn, the victim of this atrocious act was a respectable native returning to one of the outlying villages to his family with a small amount of earnings. The merchants, having ascertained that a man, a restaurant that the victim was possessed of his year's pay and other valuables, waylaid him, placed a rope around his neck, having first bound him hand and foot, then strangled him. They then robbed him and stripped him of all his clothing and left the body to be devoured by the dogs and wolves and flocks of which the hills abound. No arrests have been made up to date and the body presents a most horrible spectacle, a portion of the legs and arms having been already eaten away.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"NINGPO," Captain F. Schulz, will be despatched for the above Port, on THURSDAY, the 13th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEGMANN & CO.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1888. [126]

To-day's Advertisements.

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CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY AND OPERA COMPANY.

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THIS EVENING,

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POSITIVELY LAST TIME OF

The Famous Musical Comedy, in 3 Acts, Entitled,

FUN ON THE "BRISTOL."

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Widow O'Brien..... Mr. JOHN F. SHERIDAN
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Act I.—HOME OF WIDOW O'BRIEN.
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Complimentary Benefit to

MR. & MRS. FISHER

(MISS FLO MORRISON),

when will be produced

THE WATERMAN.

THE 1ST ACT OF RUDDIGORE.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1888. [1251]

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Doors open at 3 P.M., on Saturday, and every

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Specially for the Accommodation of Children.

L. MAYA, Secretary. [1249]

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE Company's Steamship

"PHRA CHOM KLAO,"

Captain W. H. Watton, will be despatched for the

above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 13th instant, at

8 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

YUEN FAT HONG,

Agents. [1260]

HONGKONG, 11th December, 1888.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND

PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW

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THE Steamship

"GUTHRIE,"

Captain Craig, will be despatched for the above

Ports, on THURSDAY, the 20th instant, at

DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents. [1259]

HONGKONG, 11th December, 1888.

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For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF

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JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

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CHANTREY INCHBALD,

Agent, Hongkong.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,

LIMITED,

E. W. RUTTER, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1888. [126]

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"PESHAWUR"

will leave for the above place TO-MORROW,

the 12th inst., at NOON.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1888. [3]

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day taken Sole Charge of Mr.

A. COXON'S Business G. S. COXON.

WITH Reference to the above, I have This

Day commenced Business as SHARE

and GENERAL BROKER.

E. J. COXON. [1262]

Hongkong, 11th December, 1888.

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ST. JOHN LODGE

OF HONGKONG,

No. 618, S.C.

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1888. [1235]

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Hongkong, 12th July, 1888. [12]

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Hongkong, 7th November, 1888. [1129]

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A the Peak, "Dunford," A FIVE ROOMED

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Hongkong, 3rd November, 1888. [1118]

TO LET.

A Bonham Road, "RHEDA," a SIX

ROOMED BUNGALOW with Tennis

Court.

Possession from the 1st January, 1889.

Apply to

JOSE M. BASA,

No. 33, Pottinger Street.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. [1211]

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CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE

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H. F. HAYLLAR,

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Hongkong, 26th September, 1888. [1250]

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION,
No. 530.THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown
Land by Public Auction, to be held on the
spot, on

THURSDAY,

the 13th day of December, 1888, at 3 P.M., are
published for general information.

By Command,

ARATHOON SETH,

for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. [1222]Particulars of the letting by Public Auction
Sale, to be held on THURSDAY, the 13th day
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